



## *The Broken Chain*

*Little did we know that God would call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories, your life is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you, you're always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.*



# *Priscilla Saunders Pratt Nielly*

SUNRISE  
*February 13, 1925*

SUNSET  
*February 19, 2021*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M.

*St. Ann's Episcopal Church*  
705 NORTHWEST 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE  
HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA 33009  
FATHER CANON RONALD N. FOX, OFFICIATING



# Obituary

**P**RISCILLA SAUNDERS PRATT NIELLY was born February 13, 1925, in Hallandale Beach, Florida, to the late Bahamian Pioneers, Ansel D. Saunders, Sr., of Long Island, Bahamas, and Isadora Aline Peat of Nassau, Bahamas. At the time of her passing, she was the oldest Black Caribbean American who was born, raised and resided in the City of Hallandale Beach, culminating 96 years.

Priscilla was the sixth child of ten Saunders children, five sons and five daughters. Of her siblings, five brothers (Earl Patrick, Pete William, Ansel Daniel, Jr., George Morris and John Timothy) and three sisters (Emmie Aline, Naomi Chairpatra and Elsada Delores) preceded her in death. She is survived by her youngest sister, Catherine Saunders Daniel, who now stands in her shoes as the Matriarch of the Saunders Family.

Priscilla's father was one of the founders of St. Anne's Episcopal Anglican Church. She was baptized, confirmed and received early Christian education and loved of the Lord at St. Anne's. In her adult life she became a vibrant dedicated member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church Women, and Daughters of the King (Ruth, Naomi Chapter), and the Altar Guild: in which she served President and President Emeritus.

God blessed Priscilla with an incredibly long, exciting life, bending time and events in her favor. Thus, she accomplished more than expected or imagined during her life span. She was a well-educated woman, who loved learning. Priscilla attended Lanier Elementary & Junior High School, Hallandale Beach, Florida, and she completed high school as a stellar student in the class of 1944 at Booker T. Washington High School, Miami, Florida. An avid reader, lover of poems and literature, Priscilla earned a "Degree in Life" in which many came and gleaned from her words of wisdom. Her life's dream was to become a Registered Nurse like her "Aunt Lila" of the Bahamas. To God's glory, that dream was later fulfilled.

Priscilla was united in Holy Matrimony to the late George "James" Pratt. To this union, five children were born; John Godfrey, George Clifton and Sharon Naomi Henderson preceded her in death. Priscilla embraced the Emmanuel and Rebecca Pratt Family as her second family, and she became a devoted "sister" to her in-laws; and readily became a second "Mom" to all her Pratt nieces and nephews.

While raising her children as a single mother, Priscilla inevitably became a role model for them as well as others in her church and community who knew her and knew of her. She gained employment as a hotel maid for several years to supplement her income. She became a skilled licensed beautician, but still always yearned to be a professional nurse.

Years later, Priscilla married Ronald Hoover Nielly. Together, they lovingly and successfully raised Priscilla's five children along with Hoover's two children, Reeta and Ronald Jr.



*Grandma,*

Your arms were always open wide to welcome us with love  
Your smile was brighter than the stars that sparkle high above  
You listened without judgment you took the time to share  
God, bless our dear Grandma and hold her in your care.

## GRAMMY'S ANGELS

Jennifer Celeste Pratt ~ George Garriss Henderson  
Edward Kyle Wade ~ Kristian Emmanuel Wade  
Nicole Prinella Pratt ~ Susan Lynette Pratt  
Priscilla "Prissy" M. Pratt ~ Khanan E'Jaun Wade  
Sharon Melissa Pratt ~ Matthew Jamal Henderson

## Great Grandmother

Our Great Grandmother had eyes that we will always cherish,  
Arms that always held us, love that was never ending,  
and a heart made of gold. We Love Grammy,

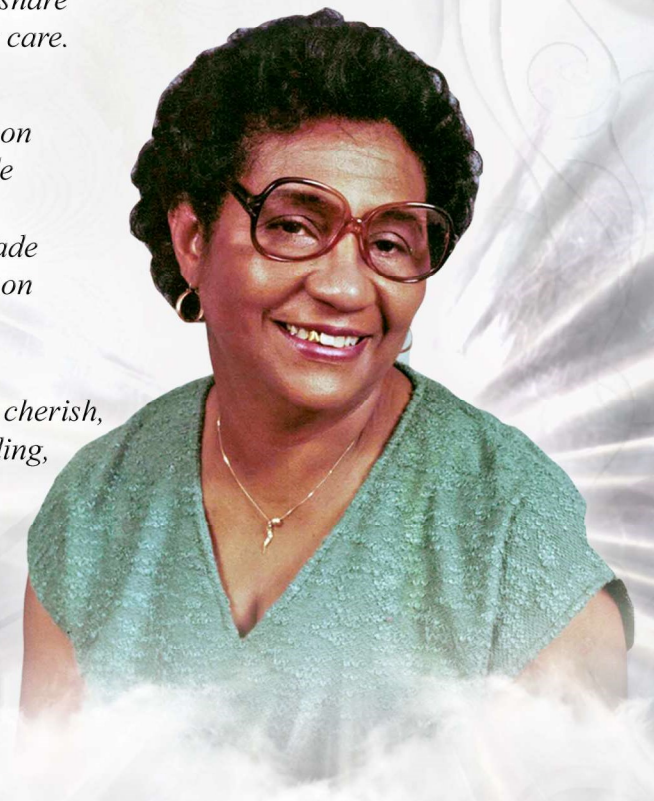
## YOUR CHERUBS

J'Veion Johnson ~ Tamial Pratt  
Omani Smith ~ Jordan Pratt  
Craig Pratt, Jr. ~ Briana Pratt  
Nikayah Pratt-Wade ~ Isaiyah Pratt-Wade  
Zion Pratt-Wade ~ Ziair Pratt-Wade  
Preston Pratt ~ Kayla Pratt-Wade  
Emmanuel Pratt-Wade ~ Kristian Wade, Jr.  
Kai Wade ~ Kimora Wade  
Corey Henderson ~ Naomi Henderson  
Sharon Henderson ~ Abigale Henderson  
Camilla Henderson

## The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
As it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
If I surrender to His Will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
And supremely happy with Him  
Forever  
Amen.

Love, *Priscilla "Prissy" Pratt*



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# Mama Mommy Tribute



We wonder if you knew that while you were busy raising us, Loving us, and sacrificing for us, we were busy learning from you all of life's most important lessons.

Watching you, we learned how to laugh and love fiercely, how to work hard and keep the faith.

Because of you, we know what it means to be genuinely good; and we couldn't be more grateful!

As a tremendous testimony of the goodness of God's Love, Grace and Mercy, we love you forever and ever.

Rejoice! You've done so much, and become so much — So proud of you mama mommy!

*Earline and Carolyn*

As their children were completing their formal education, Priscilla pursued her own professional career in nursing. She attended Broward University where her intellectual prowess increased, which produced stellar grades, excellent performance and often the class's highest exam scores. She received her Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse Degrees. In 1975, her proud father Ansel was able to see her complete her education and become a Registered Nurse.

Priscilla was employed as an RN Charge Nurse in the Medical Surgery Unit at Memorial Regional Hospital, Hollywood, Florida, until her retirement. She continued employment with Florida State Hospital for ten years until age 72.

Priscilla always wanted to see mountains, peaks and valleys beyond her South Florida "flat land" living experience. She became a world traveler, traveling extensively and domestically, including Alaska, and internationally to many parts of Europe (England, France, Italy, Greece and Spain), Mexico and Canada (5 provinces) and Nova Scotia. She saw several of the WONDERS OF THE WORLD, various renowned cities, historical sites and national parks. For her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Priscilla took a Carnival Cruise to Nassau, Bahamas, to revisit the gravesites of her beloved mother, Isadora Peat, grandparents and aunts.

God blessed Priscilla with two beautiful families, godchildren and friends whom she loved and was very proud of. Precious memories remain with those who knew and loved her and with the many lives she touched. She leaves to mourn and celebrate her EXTRAORDINARY LIFE, three **daughters**, Lillian E. Pratt, Carolyn Pratt McWilliams and Reeta Nielly Mills; one **son**, Ronald Nielly, Jr.; one **sister**, Catherine S. Daniel; one **sister in law**, Janice Saunders; ten **grandchildren** and numerous **great grandchildren**; two **daughters in law**, Rosalind Pratt and Cynthia Pratt; one **son in law**, George Henderson; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

AN ETERNAL MEMORY...

*...Until We Meet Again*

Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile.

If only I could have you back  
for just a little while,

Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do.

You always meant so very much  
and always will do, too.

The fact that you're no longer here  
will always cause me pain,  
but you're forever in my heart  
Until We Meet Again.

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# Order of Service

Opening Anthem.....Celebrant

Introit Hymn: "Jerusalem the Golden," Hymn 621 (Verses 1 & 4).....Organist

The Collect: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Page 493

The Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-3.....Cathy Daniels Johnson

The New Testament: John 14:1-6.....The Rev. Ivan Williams

The Gradual Hymn: "Abide With Me," Hymn 662 (Verse 1).....St. Anne's Choir Member

The Gospel: John 10:11-16.....Canon Ronald N. Fox

The Gradual Hymn: "Abide With Me," Hymn 662 (Verse 1).....St. Anne's Choir Member

The Tribute.....Carolyn Priscilla McWilliams

Sermon Hymn: "It Is Well with My Soul".....Angela Neely

The Homily.....Canon Ronald N. Fox

The Apostle's Creed, BCP Page 496

Prayers of the People, BCP Page 497.....Edith Newbold

The Peace

The Offertory Hymn: "O Jesus I Have Promised," Hymn 655 (Verses 1, 2 & 3).....St. Anne's Choir

The Great Thanksgiving, BCP 498

Communion Hymn: "Here O My Lord I See Thee Face to Face," Hymn 318 (Verses 1 & 4).....Organist

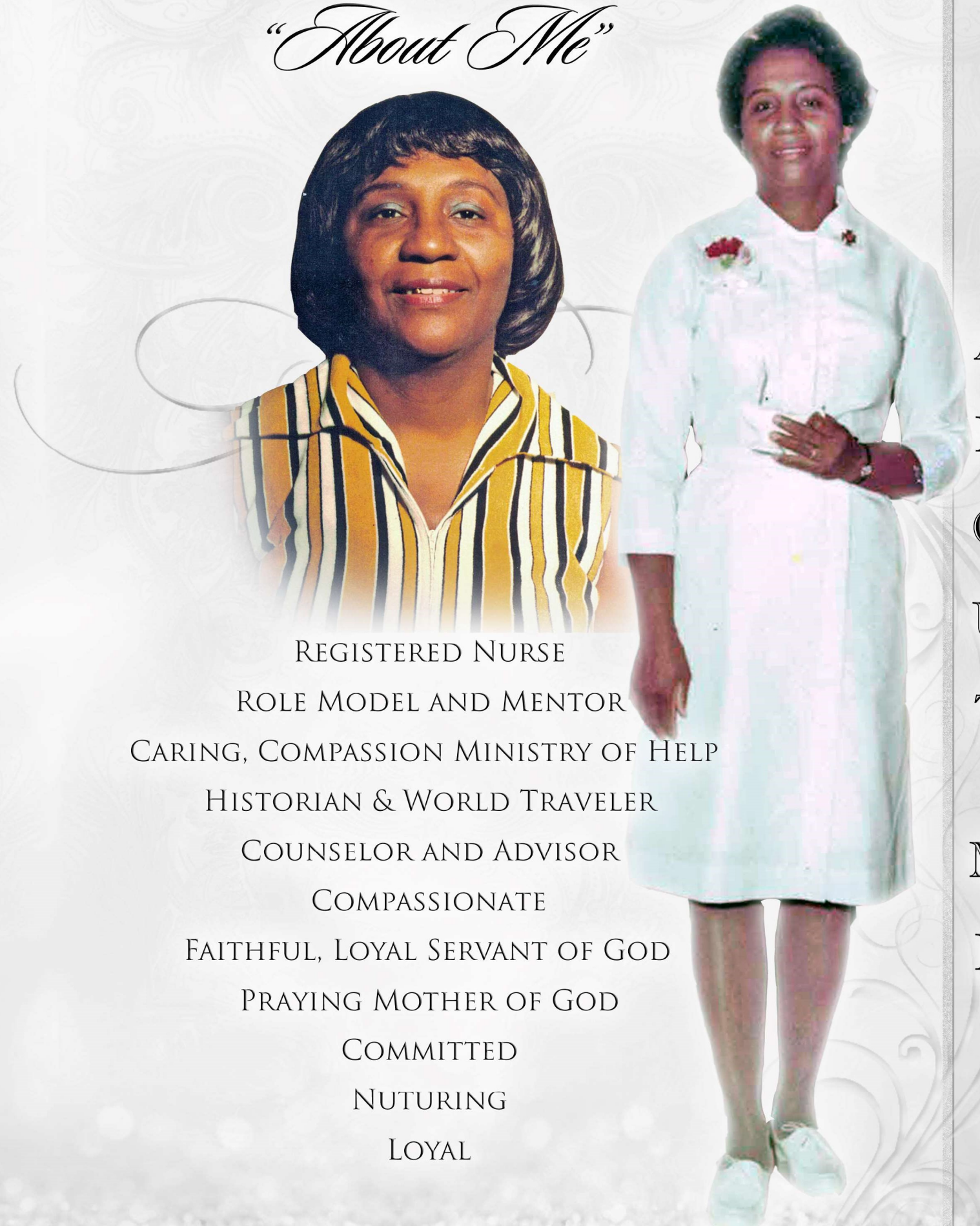
The Commendation, BCP 499

Recessional Hymn: "The King of Love," Hymn 645 (Verses 1 & 4).....St. Anne's Choir

The Blessing & Dismissal.....Canon Ronald N. Fox

Closing Anthem

# "About Me"



REGISTERED NURSE  
ROLE MODEL AND MENTOR  
CARING, COMPASSION MINISTRY OF HELP  
HISTORIAN & WORLD TRAVELER  
COUNSELOR AND ADVISOR  
COMPASSIONATE  
FAITHFUL, LOYAL SERVANT OF GOD  
PRAYING MOTHER OF GOD  
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*My Passion... My Dreams... My Goals*